Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any analysis has been made by Government with regard to the growing prison riots, jail breaks, unnatural deaths, suicides by inmates, smuggling of drugs in jails besides security lapses and sub-human living conditions in various jails in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have considered the desirability of bringing suitable reforms in the prison system in the country; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b): The All India Committee on Jail Reforms (1980-83) appointed by the Government of India had gone into the entire gamut of prison administration in the country including security and living conditions of jails. Thereafter, a Group of Officers was constituted (1986) to look specifically into the security, discipline and other closely related aspects of prison administration.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The recommendations of the Committee on Jail Reforms and the Group of Officers were forwarded to the States for implementation, since 'Prison' is a State subject. Following the All India Committee's recommendations, the Central Government introduced a Prison Modernisation Scheme under which financial assistance in the form of 50% matching and 100% outright grants were given to the State Governments and Union Territories for upgradation of standards of prison administration including strengthening of security for which 100% grant was admissible. Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 45.08 crores has been disbursed during the period, 1987—92. The importance of prison reforms was highlighted in the recently held Chief Ministers Conference on Human Rights and Administration of Criminal Justice, wherein specific Action Plans for the Centre and the States have been commended.

Setting up of Special Vigilance Teams

2121. SHRI GAYA SINGH:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that special vigilance teams have been set up in each police district by Delhi Administration to remove illegal jhuggis, jhompris and illegal encroachments/constructions; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the details of such illegal constructions removed in each police district so far after the setting up of these teams?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special Vigilance Teams have been constituted in each Police District and they have ben asked to take round of its assigned district twice a week. The details of the unathorised encroachments and jhuggi jhompris demolished/removed by these teams include the following :—

1. 25 Kabaris sitting on MCD land in Munirka, New Delhi.
2. 25 new constructions and boundary wall in Munirka.
3. 22 structure with roof/without roof in village Kanjhawala covering 4 acres of Land.
4. 3 rooms and 10 boundaries in village Bhalaswa, Delhi and
5. 2.5 acres of Goan Sabha Land in Village Holambi Kalan.

Voluntary Organisations Receiving Foreign Funds

2122. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Home Ministry controls foreign funding of non-